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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to prior week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail demand following the extended holiday weekend was light to moderate, best for ads, and food service was fair to good, best into fast food for promotions; however, activity was mixed where pipelines were being filled and further conditions were being monitored. Supplies were overall in balance with trade needs. In the parts structure, trading over the weekend was moderate to good. Dark meat was well cleared, breast items were sufficient, and wings were in a better position, but still at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/07/03-07/11/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	60.00-62.00	61.33	15	62.44	30
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.37	41	57.40	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.22	25
Denver	71.50	71.50	16	70.94	18
Detroit	54.00	55.83	12	59.50	41
Los Angeles	72.00	69.94	67	67.82	183
New York	58.00-61.00	59.41	22	59.99	50
Philadelphia	58.00-60.00	58.59	11	58.64	22
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	59.25	10	61.78	57
St. Louis	55.00-55.25	54.71	24	54.96	50
San Francisco	72.50	70.61	32	72.62	62

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/07/03	Change/Last Wk	06/30/03	07/08/02
614	62.44	0.22	62.22	57.29

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-61.00	60.41	33
Central	57.00-62.50	60.10	62
West	58.00-63.00	61.18	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	66.00-67.50	66.33	78
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,073	52.00-69.10	64.96

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	195.00	1,347
BREASTS - B/S	188.00	4,940
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00	1,839
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00	925
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	8,594
WINGS	70.50	2,866

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were clearing well. The balance of cuts were adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the extended holiday weekend was fair to moderate with trade mostly refilling, taking a wait and see attitude, and monitoring further developments. Supplies were in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat was close to well cleared, breast items were improved, but still available, and wings were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported on regular commitments for this week delivery was at unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to slightly higher prices. Offerings in close balance on product less than 3.5 pounds and generally adequate on heavier weights. Buying activity had increased in some areas and was fairly good overall. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: drumstick 35.5-38, boneless thigh meat high 66, leg meat 72- 72.5, wings 68-70, leg quarters bulk 28-33 and 4/10s 30-33, breast bone-in 91-96 and boneless 160-167. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .68 to 59.08 with the volume reported unchanged from last Monday at 36 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were TFEWR into Ohio cities, unchanged elsewhere from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers were light to moderate for the generally fair buyer interest. Demand into retail centers was slow to moderate, best for features. Movement into the food service sector was in a full range, mostly moderate and best into fast food. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, with transport situations very tight. Parts trade was mixed, mostly fair. Supplies were available with wings in the longest position. The market tone was barely steady on wings and tenders, all other parts steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderately good as buyers looked to fill pipelines depleted by good activity through the holiday weekend. Offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, most items were in good balance. Leg quarters and drums were generally wellcleared. Wings were at least adequate but were in a better, closer balance. Tenders were available; bone-in breasts at some points. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	57-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.82
NO. OF BOXES	8,453

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was good over the holiday weekend and generally noted as fair entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were sufficient for current needs. Dark meat lines were well cleared. Wings were adequate. Retail and distributive draw was fair to moderate, best for refill needs. The market tone was generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		170	168.10	505,560
TENDERLOINS		140	134.27	118,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	90.33		245,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	87.20		95,080
LEGS	37-38	35.49		301,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.63		610,717
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	36.12		149,210
THIGHS	28-29	38.09		90,990
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.22		46,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	69.66		208,250
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.57		61,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.66		12,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	37.50		38,600

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,184	145.00-190.00	157-165	158.05
TENDERLOINS	290	130.00-212.00	-	157.46
BREAST - WITH RIBS	559	72.00-100.00	80	79.61
FRONT HALVES	219	76.00-80.00	76	77.07
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	703	23.00-24.00	24	23.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,653	23.00-27.00	25	25.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	991	48.00-78.00	59-64	61.61
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,083	18.00-23.00	20-21	20.38

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/07	07/03	07/03	06/30	06/26
ALA	4,104	3,971	5.09	3,945	5.08
ARK	5,335	5,088	4.78	5,266	4.80
DELMARVA	2,253	2,301	5.30	2,311	5.27
KY-LA-TN	1,913	1,904	4.79	1,926	4.80
MISS	2,896	3,079	5.19	3,041	5.27
NC	2,623	2,570	6.16	5,584	6.06
TEXAS	2,484	2,498	4.86	2,500	4.84
TOTAL	21,608	21,411	5.13	24,573	5.13
MON	21,608 (A)			24,573(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jul 2003 is estimated to be 32,328,000 down 12.33 percent from a week ago and up 3.16 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 36,874,000 last year 31,337,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	832	155.00-226.00	155-158	159.87
TENDERLOINS	140	135.00-211.00	140-145	153.54
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	92.00-108.00	93-96	95.82
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	32.50-46.00	33	33.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	24.00-27.00	24-25	24.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,070	26.00-31.00	27-28	29.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	286	49.00-76.00	-	61.83
WINGS (CUT)	420	66.00-82.00	75-79	75.52
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JULY 07, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 55.00	52.80	52.63

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 02-DEC-2002 TO 06-DEC-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	159.00 - 171.50	159.00 - 170.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	84.00 - 107.50	85.00 - 94.00
LEGS	24.50 - 38.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 30.00	25.00 - 27.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 80.00	61.00 - 66.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	84
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	87-91
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	90-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	99-101
	DRY PACK	106-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-JUL-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-18.50	18.00	622,000	522,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.87	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-16.50	11.00-15.00	1,420,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.30	12.07		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the at least adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were generally adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JUL-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.79-9	8-8.5	8.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

04-JUL-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-19.00	13.00-17.00	243,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	10.00-14.50	1,588,000	323,200
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	11.31		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-JUL-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.25	8.25-8.75	8.66

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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